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FRIDAY, JULY 6, 1860.

A CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE.

The last candidate we have heard mentioned for Judge Trumbull's place in the Senate, and quite the last we expected to hear whispered, is C. L. Higbee, Esq., of the county of Pike. Whether a majority of the Democratic party coincide with that gentleman's opinion that he would make something both useful and ornamental in the highest branch of the national legislature, we do not know, but it is certain that he (Higbee) is very much taken with the idea, and that he has sufficiently impressed one *Archer*, of Pike county, with the same notion, to warrant him in running for the Legislature in Pike and Brown on Mr. Higbee's behalf. Higbee, if we remember rightly, was originally a Mormon, but finding that sham Democracy paid better, he transferred his allegiance to the latter humbug. Archer is an ultra Administration Democrat.

THE LAST GREAT OUTRAGE.

We present in another column, upon indisputable authority, the facts of the recent and last kidnapping case in this State. We need add nothing in the way of comment. Three men, colored, and suspected of being fugitive slaves, are seized without warrant, or other form of law, and by brute force, without even that farce which the advocates of slavery call a trial before our U. S. Commissioner, are, despite the exertions of their friends, hurried off out of Illinois, into a slave State where, unquestionably, they will be doomed to a life of bondage and toil. No such thing as an inquiry, an examination, or trial. The work was accomplished by the aid of bowie knives and revolvers, aimed first at the heads of the intimbing negroes, and then at the breasts of their supposed sympathizers and friends. A fast train of cars and a consenting conductor complete the work. Illinois is the poorer by three willing pairs of hands; and some slave State has gained three mute and sullen beasts of burden, who may some day put in practice, at the expense of the man-sellers and kidnappers, the less as of skill and daring that a life of freedom has taught them. But our concern is not with them. The ingenuity and unscrupulousness of the man hunters have put them in a place where they will be heard of no more. The back, hard fare, unceasing toil and spirit broken by bondage will probably shortly do their work. Our care is for the outraged sovereignty of Illinois, for the guards which shall make all such atrocities impossible hereafter, for the guar ntys of personal freedom, dear alike to black and white, which this infamy has broken down. What matters it that these men were poor, unfriended, black and suspected of having been born where men own and sell other men? They were under the protection of the State and its laws; they were entitled to the legal presumption in favor of their innocence and freedom. The State has breed fled, the laws broken, and the presumption of freedom unceremoniously set aside. If this thing may happen in the case of a poor lack man, why not in the case of a poor white man? Is the color of one's face the index of his rights in this free State? or have we so degenerated that we accept the maxim of that old Jesuit who makes morality law than Congress—the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States—that the descendants of African slaves have no rights which white men are bound to respect? We do not believe it. The good blood of the State will boil with indignation as soon as the particulars of this outrage are known. Every man who is not himself a slave to the monstrous pretensions of the Slave Power, will reiterate the demand which we now make upon Gov. Wood, to use all his power to bring these offenders to justice—to leave nothing undone which shall bring the kidnappers and their abettors within the jurisdiction of the laws that they have broken and trodden beneath their feet. We don't know, and will not ask, whether these kidnapped blacks were slaves or not. Until the poor, flimsy title given by some statute of ... dren is established according to the law, we shall believe them free. But whether free or slave, the time has come for the people of Illinois who love justice and law, to make a stand against these repeated, and too often successful, attempts to drag men away into bondage by brute force alone. If to slay the kidnappers is a necessity, in defence of the personal freedom which is outraged, let the blood run in God's name, and upon the pirates be the consequence! The maintenance of personal freedom first—all else is secondary to this!

A NEW LIGHT.

Since the incarceration of Mr. Thaddeus Hyatt in Washington jail, that gentleman has been giving his attention some what to the *law* of slavery in the District of Columbia—and with rather singular results. The substance of his researches is that there is *no law* for slavery in Washington city—the old Maryland law, under which slaves are held, having expired by limitation long years ago. The point is this, (we quote from a letter of Mr. Hyatt's published in the *Independent* of the 28th ult):

> "The Common Law of England killed slavery in the death of the person enslaved. Magna Charta by statute of her own, interfered with this principle so far as to make the child of the enslaved a slave also; thus extending the institution to the second generation, but not beyond. Maryland, also in 1796 prohibited the importation of slaves. Limited by the principles of the Common Law of England, slavery in the District of Maryland, on the death of the imported slave, would have been a free state of necessity, but she chose by specific statute to enslave the first free generation. Even that generation would have been free if Parliament had done its duty at home, and by proper action nullified the Act of the Colony, which was in violation of the natural right, and of the very genius of the institution' as it existed in England; and also without the seeming justification by much lower moral barbarism than that which *the good of her soul*. This slavery of the colonies and its base in no recognized property in man, no perpetual ownership of him through progeny, but in an assumed benefit to be done him. His children, being born in a Christian land, were no longer heathen. Natural birth made them Christians, as baptism or professed spiritual birth, made the heathen parent Christian; and being Christianized, they could no longer be slaves. The Roman Law, '*partus sequitur ventrem*,' was not the law of England in this very; from the nature of the 'Institution,' from its theory, it could not be. If such were the case, how did it happen that Maryland found it necessary to make the laws she did? The fact that Maryland did *legislate the children of enslaved persons into slavery*, overthrows the assumption of '*partus sequitur ventrem*,' and the fact that the law went no further than the children, and did not extend to grandchildren, leaves the latter of necessity free born; and born free, they cannot be enslaved, for this would be to enslave Christians, which by the theory of English slavery, is an absurdity."

The writer proceeds to argue, very justly, that American slavery, so far from being the legitimate offspring of English slavery, is perpetuated by a violation of the very principle upon which the the latter was tolerated. Yet, it must be admitted that it is just as right, and just as legal, to hold a half civilized man in slavery as a barbarian, or a civilized man as a half civilized one. Born of violence and fraud, all is outgrowths and consequences are alike wicked and intolerable. The law of slavery comes from Africa, and whatever moral character it has is derived from the ring-posted chief who sold his captives to the trader on the coast of Congo. Recognizing this fact fully and clearly, we confess a me surprise at the assessments made above as to the legal tenure of slavery in the District of Columbia, and we are most surprised at a reference which Mr. Hyatt makes to a recorded case, before Judge Crawch, in which it was held that Maryland law prevailed in the District, rather than Virginia law, because the former looked constantly to freedom! This would seem to be a pretty good argument to one who had before him the preamble to the Constitution of the United States, declaring it to be one of the purposes of that instrument "to secure the blessings of liberty." But a better argument still, at the present time, would be the fact that that portion of the District which came from Virginia in the first instance, has been ceded back to her, thus giving the laws of Maryland excessive supremacy in the District, as to the tenure of slave property.

It is indeed a pleasure to revert to the clear statesmanship of the revolutionary period, to contrast their spirit with the savagery of the codes of the present day. "Mr. Madison thought it wrong to admit in the Constitution the idea of property in man," says the journal of debates in the Federal Convention. The State of Maryland thought it wrong to extend the *status* of slavery beyond the second generation of the imported African. The State of Maryland so declared by her statutes; and having ceded the District of Columbia to the general government before any change had been made in her laws, slavery has now no legal tenure at the Federal capital. Let us hear something from the other side, on this topic.

Missouri—Senator Green.

A large meeting of the Democracy of St. Louis was addressed by Senator Greene, of Missouri, on Monday evening last, in behalf of Breckinridge and Lane. The *Democrat* says that he insisted that the ticket he came to defend represented the principles upon which alone the Constitution and the Union could be sustained, and avowed that he said this with a full sense of all the consequent responsibility. He proceeded to show, despite frequent ruffianly and some more gentlemanly interruptions, that Douglas was not regularly nominated at Baltimore, since he received but 191 votes—less than the two-thirds required by the unvarying usage of the party since its first nominating convention, in 1832, and less also than the two-thirds required by that same rule sanctioned by this same Convention at Charleston. The speaker owned that neither was the Breckinridge and Lane ticket regularly nominated according to usage, but insisted that, since both were in this respect alike, Missouri should go for that one which represented her interest and sentiments.

These points Senator Greene enlarged upon, illustrated and defended with a readiness and cogency which repeatedly quashed the puny attempts of the sullen and scourged Douglas men to weaken and embarrass him. He showed up the demagogueism of the Little Giant and the charlatanry of his nomination with so mercilessly vigorous an array of "stubborn facts," that those in the crowd who came with the Douglas fever, were helplessly cooled down and finally silent away abashed.

He was followed by J. B. Rowlin. Before adjournment, the meeting nominated, by acclamation, Hancock Jackson as candidate for Governor, and Monroe M. Parsons for Lieut. Governor; and a series of appropriate resolutions were adopted. The *Democrat* closes thus: *Last night the death knell of Douglas was sounded in Missouri.*

A Correction Corrected.

KANSAS, Henry Co., P. O., June 25th.

EDITORS PRESS & TRIBUNE:

I perceive in yesterday's *Press and Tribune* a statement in regard to the election of President, and I deem incorrect, in the article headed "An Explanation," you stated that, "in case the House of Representatives fail to elect a President, the duty then devolves upon the Senate;" and then used the following language:

"That body on or after March 4th, 1861 will name the two highest candidates for the Vice Presidency, an elect *one at them, and he becomes* Ex Officio *the President of the United States.*"

Allow me to refer you to Article of Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, the last clause of which reads as follows: "And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the 4th day of March next following, *then the Vice President shall act as President, as in the case of the death, or other constitutional disability of the President.*" You will there see that "I am" will not stand the ghost of a chance of becoming our next President, but that Mr Breckinridge may.

Yours respectfully,
H. T. WEST.

When a reader sets up to correct an editor he ought to be sure he himself is right. Mr. West falls into the very serious error of supposing that Breckinridge will hold over after his present term expires, when in fact he ceases to be Vice President on the 4th of March, 1861. If our friend will turn to Article XII of the amendments, he will find that it is distinctly declared that if the electors fail to cast a majority of votes for any one person, then the House of Representatives (each State casting one vote) shall choose a President from among the three highest candidates; and they have until the 4th of March next thereafter in which to make such choice. But if they shall fail to choose before that date, then the Vice President shall act as President. But who will be Vice President at that time? The second section of the same article tells. I declares that, if the electors fail to cast a majority of their votes for any one person, the Senate shall choose a Vice President from the two highest persons on the list which undoubtedly would be Hamlin and Lane and of course, the Senate, as at present constituted, would elect Lane Vice President, and when the 4th of March arrived this person would be duly installed as the successor of Vice President Breckinridge. It is then clear, that in case the House failed to choose a President before the 4th of March the new Vice President (Lane) would be President *for* four years, in This must be perfectly clear to any one who will read the constitutional provision carefully—and construe each clause and sentence by its context.

The Effects of the Recent Storms Upon the Crops.

We have watched pretty closely the exchanges received at this office for the past week, especially those from the northern parts of Illinois, southern part of Wisconsin, and ... part of Iowa, and they all agree, that so far as heard, no damage has resulted to the wheat and other crops by the recent storms. In some cases the wheat has been thrown down, but not so as to seriously damage it. No signs of rust have appeared. Many of the papers, too, state that the wheat crop will be heavier than was a short time since anticipated, the heads having filled up better than they seemed at an earlier time to promise.

COMPLIMENTS AND KICKS.—Much amusement is to be derived from a comparison of the remarks made by the Douglas journals upon the character of Senator Fitzpatrick, immediately following his nomination at Baltimore, with those bestowed upon him since he has declined the honor of seconding Mr. Douglas on the ticket of the Bump Convention. The compliments and the kicks contrast very funnily. Here is one instance brought to notice by the Rochester *Democrat*:

From the Rochester Union, June 23, 1860.	June 25.

The nomination for the declension of Vice President is one of Fitzpatrick, the most eminently fit to substitution of Herschel Johnson of Georgia for Vice President, and then used the following language upon the ablest statesmen in the South, and by a change in the Democratic service of ten or twelve erratic ticket. Fitzpatrick is the United States, as Jefferson Davis revolution, and gained a national reputation and standing. He has been placed upon the list peculiar fitness for such the duties of Vice President and his personal popularity among the Alabama delegation wasted him; and they shown by the fact that expense of consistency and propriety. His a Democracy has been determined to be a invariably chosen everything right again. President *pro tem.* at every session of Congress.

From the Rochester Union, June 23, 1860.	June 25.

THE TELEGRAPH AND THE PRESS.—An adjourned meeting of the stockholders of the American Telegraph Company was held on Friday in New York, to take into consideration the difficulties existing between it and the newspaper press. After a discussion extending over five hours, it was unanimously resolved that after the report of the committee, appointed some time since, to arrange the scale of tolls, shall have been made and approved of, the President shall appoint a committee of three stockholders to conclude, on the part of the company, a permanent contract with the Associated Press, on the basis of the company's scale of charges.

☞ A large and enthusiastic Republican meeting was held at Fremont (Ill.) on Saturday, which was addressed by Messrs Grove of Peoria, and Swett of Bloomington. About 1,500 people were present. Previous to the speaking, the Tremonters erected a Lincoln pole over a hundred feet high, which was surmounted by an effigy of "Old Abe" mauling rails, and from which were floated the stars and stripes.

☞ We observe an item in a number of Squattierite papers that 500 young men in Detroit had signed a call for a Douglas ratification meeting. An examination of the published list in the Detroit *Free Press* reduces the number to 164 all told, and most of these Catholic Irish. Ratifying squatterism in Michigan is a business that don't pay expenses.

☞ The Republicans of the several counties of the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois, are requested to appoint delegates to the Congressional Convention, to be holden at Springfield, on Wednesday, the 11th day of July, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress.

☞ The editor of the New York *Herald*, who, as a Democratic leader and organ, has exercised such a powerful sway over the Democratic party during the last three years, says now:

> We have no regrets, meantime, to express over the broken down Democracy. We congratulate the American people that this corrupt and demoralized party of juggling and swindling speculators, of truly political vagabonds, and vagrants of the manœuvre, has at last been driven from power from their quarrels over the spoils of office.

☞ During the severe storm that visited Boston on Friday, the famous Great Elm on the Common, was split in sunder by the force of the wind, and blown to the ground. It is mostly ruined.

☞ The New York *Journal of Commerce* comes out for Breckinridge.

THE CLIFTON OUTRAGE.

Three Free Men Carried into Slavery.

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LETTER FROM SOLOMON STURGES.

CHICAGO, July 3, 1860.

Editors Press and Tribune:

I hand you the following letter from Mr. Kingman—a man *whose statements I endorse*. You can use the letter in any way to serve the cause of Truth, Justice and Liberty. I am

Yours, &c., SOLOMON STURGES.

MR. KINGMAN'S LETTER.

CLIFTON, Ill., July 4, 1860.

Solomon Sturges, Esq., Chicago:

DEAR SIR: About eight o'clock last Sunday evening, our usually quiet village was visited by a band of the most barbarous men that I ever witnessed. It seems by what was developed at the trial of some of the parties yesterday, that several men from Missouri have had their headquarters at Ashkum the past three weeks or more, where, with the assistance of one George D. Smith, a trader in Ashkum, and a Mr. Cornelius, formerly a Kentuckian, who lives in the immediate neighborhood of Ashkum, have been working up a plan for several weeks, to kidnap some colored men who have been living in this town. About eight o'clock they had managed to get five of the boys into the "Sellus House," where Smith made himself very free in entertaining them, when eight other men armed to the teeth, rushed in and presenting their pistols told the boys they were prisoners. Two of the most powerful of the boys made a rush and knocking down several of the ruffians, made their escape, the other three were pounded severely on the head with the buts of their pistols, overpowered, handcuffed, thrown into a wagon and driven off before any alarm could be given, all done in the space of ten minutes. What makes the affair the more diabolical, is the fact that one of the men carried (I never was a slave, and one had been freed by his master, the third one might or might not have been a slave, but little was known of him. It appears from what we have since the affair occurred, that one of the boys that escaped probably had been a slave, and that his master was one of the band who figured here. It appears that this slave owner made a bargain with Smith and Cornelius, of Ashkum, that if they would assist him to take "Ned," one of the boys that escaped, that they would catch as many more as they could, take them South, sell them and divide the spoils. After the three were taken they were driven to Ashkum, about four miles, where they were put on board the cars of the Illinois Central Railroad Company. There seemed to be a perfect understanding between the kidnappers and the Conductor of the train "much more"—as the cars hardly came to a stop before the negroes were thrust on board, and the train moving. A sufficient number of citizens went on the train from here to prevent the negroes from being put out board, and were fully prepared to have done so, had the train made the usual stop—but before half of the citizens who went on the train could get off to render the required assistance the train was in motion, and as I learn, the kidnapped negroes were taken to St. Louis.

In addition to the nine kidnappers, who were doubly armed with revolvers and bowie knives, there were three men who work on the track of the Central Company, for about fifteen miles distant, numbering about twenty-five, were in attendance, apparently to render assistance if needed, all stout able-bodied Irishmen.

I hope and pray that it may never be my lot to witness another such scene.

In haste, yours truly,
J. E. KINGMAN.

In addition to the above we have the following from another eye witness:

JULY 3d.—We have to day five persons on trial for assisting the kidnappers—three Irishmen of Clifton and two Yankees (or something else) from Ashkum. We have employed an able lawyer from Kankakee City, and shall give them a thorough examination. Conductor Mackmore, on one of the Illinois Central trains, came up this morning and informed us that the slaves (?) had been taken to St. Louis," and he cursed Mr. White for daring to show his indignation at such proceedings, and thus injure the interests of the railroad company. The conductor also stated that "had any of us interfered we certainly would have been shot, and that the damned niggers were no better than so many beasts, and he did not consider the Republicans much better."

LATER.

Three of the men on trial have been held to bail in $500 each to appear at the next term of court.

FROM PIKE'S PEAK.

Letter from J. D. Ward.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

In the Woods. On the Head Waters of the South Park [illegible] of the Rocky Mountains, June 10th, 1860.

Dear Sir: In my last I stated that the South Park was about twenty-five miles long by ten to fifteen wide. I find by actual travel that it is much longer and in some places much wider, and the information I had at my la t writing was entirely wrong. The Park is at least seventy-five or eighty miles long, with an average width of [illegible] miles.

On the ... and upon the Arkansas I have learned enough to satisfy myself. I don't think the prospect there at all good for new comers. In California Gu ch some claims are paying largely, but as in all other places I have yet visited, a large majority are not worth working, and many more scarcely pay decent wages.

The climate is bad, worse even than here, for the Arkansas runs far up between two ranges now, and probably the year round, covered with deep snows. The water is always cold and uncomfortable to work in, and at best, but during a small portion of the year can mining be successfully prosecuted.

The discoveries as yet are confined to a comparatively small region, and unless more and rich diggings are speedily developed thousands now in the valley of the Arkansas will become poorer than they came, and have cause to regret, deeply regret the day they ever started thither on a gold hunt.

Of the climate of this "Park" I have already spoken, but I cannot say enough to properly describe it, or to set out its utter meanness and dreary nature. Buds on the poplar and willow trees along the little streams are but just beginning to burst, and the timid, tender leaves seem hesitating as to whether they shall put forth to be nightly nipped by the hard frosts which prevail or return to original sap, and sock the roots of the parent tree, deep in earth.

Frost conveys no adequate idea of the coldness which prevails here every night—it freezes, freezes hard, and as I write, although the sun has been shining brightly over yonder mountain for several hours on an adjacent pond the ice formed last night, still remains over the entire surface, and will too, till after noon.

The days are tolerably warm and pleasant from 10 o'clock A. M. till near sundown, and for a few hours during the middle of the day the sun seemed to burn, and blister any portion of the person exposed, while in the shade at the same time it is chilly.

The mines along the streams in this immediate vicinity are poor indeed, scarcely worth working, and many persons are daily abandoning them, going elsewhere "prospecting" or returning disappointed and discouraged to the States. I don't know of a claim about here which really pays for working, when you consider the time it takes, and the hardships to be gone through with to get here and get at work on a claim, though in some they are taking out considerable gold.

What the future may do for this dreary cold region, called the "South Park," remains to be seen. Leads may be struck which may make it mining profitable here, but the prospect is not very bright, and as yet, I could never advise a friend of mine to come here thinking to better his fortune pecuniarily whatever it might be there.

I regret exceedingly that my report of this "Park" must be so unfavorable, I had hoped to find here a country where miners could thrive, the inducements and ... had been so many, and often ragged forms, care worn brows, and disappointed looks, I can gather no grounds for such a hope, and my own experience and observation added, enables me to say, this is no place for myself or my friends.

I don't believe I am homesick, and write this for that reason—for had this been a paradise I could not have stayed longer than I now shall—and what I have said has been with a sincere desire at least to tell things just as they are, to tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Yours truly,
J. D. WARD.

A Vote for President.

CHICAGO, July 4th, 1860.

Editors Press and Tribune:

SIRS: Please insert in to-morrow's paper the vote taken on the Cold Spring Grove Excursion train:

Lincoln	56
Douglas	74
Breckinridge	4
Bell	3
Scattering	1

Respectfully yours,
AN EXCURSIONIST.

Breck. and Lane Ticket in Missouri.

By referring to our report of the Breckinridge ratification meeting last night, it will be seen that another Beauregard has entered the field, in the person of Hancock Jackson, who was nominated by acclamation for Governor. Hancock Jackson is a much stronger man than his Douglas competitor, Caleb Jackson, and will undoubtedly beat him before the people. Parsons, of Cole, the author of the "free nigger bill," was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. This is not as good a nomination as the other, but under the circumstances will do very well. The ticket is as strongly pro-slavery as it could be made, if this be any recommendation. The bridges is broken, and the steam which separates the two factions is henceforth and forever impassable.—*St. Louis Democrat 4th inst.*

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Rufus Choate in the Stratton—Charles Sumner and Milton—The Japanese—Catch Bung and Bowie Knife Democracy—Illustrations of Democratic Appointment of Delegates—Douglas's Bath Iron Adam—The Whistler and the Organ.

BOSTON, June 28, 1860.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

The article on Rufus Choate in the July number of the *Atlantic* was meant for a poem. It is by the "Family Bard." From the first rumbling spasm to the last volcanic splurge this bewildering achievement of a crazy imagination is a continual triumph over all the powers which enable ordinary men to tell the truth and tell it in good English. It seems to stand on the threshold of a period in which facts will be created from fancies, the dictionaries read backwards and the masters of literature forgotten. The fathers were fools. The coming man has arrived,—viz. Rufus Choate—and he is "passing sweetly and untrammelly, but influentially and immortally, into the life of the nation."

The Bard informs us that Mr. Choat's "genius produced such a *fusion* of imagination and understanding as to give creativeness to argumentation and philosophy to the treatment of facts." Mr. Choate did supply the lack of premises from the creations of his own fancy and made his own theories serve instead of and against the facts of evidence. But what the Bard intends by the sentence which I have quoted no man can tell. The good Lord deliver us from this abomination of nonsense in the *Atlantic*. We are further instructed that every great orator must be capable of "joking one minute at the side-scene and in the next having the big tears of a realized fear running down his cheeks." I judge from this that the Atlantic Club has been honored by the advent of a defunct play-actor. I am really sorry for Mr. Choate. He was not quite damned by Edward G. Parker's book. Horatio Woodman has dashed him out of all reach of decent eulogy. Horatio Woodman is the Family Bard, a sappy young man whom the Ticknors have unwisely allowed to slobber the vilest English and the most fulsome flattery upon a man who was not a fool, although he was not too good or very great. His remarks upon Mr. Choate's manner of taking up a client's case are as unclean in style and matter as they can well be. The most that can be gathered is, that Mr. Choate was immaculate, and that he told better stories for the scamps whom he cleared than they ever dreamed of inventing. To fish up any meaning from the bottomless absurdity of the second and contemptible eulogy is hard, but it is harder to fish up one that does not damn Mr. Choate. From a shrewd saying, he leads us to the conclusion that "the Lord" got nothing out of Rufus Choate. He inclines the wings of his imagination to lead out the great Boston advocate as the eagle of eloquence, and brings up in the gutter with the sparrows that Mr. Choate was not qualified to lead deliberative bodies in great crises; that his speeches might not have had immediate effect; that many of them want solid body of thought, and that his style was inflamed. It is too plain that the brain made the usual stop—but before half of the citizens who went on the train could get off to render the required assistance the train was in motion, and as I learn, the kidnapped negroes were taken to St. Louis."

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J. E. KINGMAN.

In addition to the above we have the following from another eye witness:

JULY 3d.—We have to day five persons on trial for assisting the kidnappers—three Irishmen of Clifton and two Yankees (or something else) from Ashkum. We have employed an able lawyer from Kankakee City, and shall give them a thorough examination. Conductor Mackmore, on one of the Illinois Central trains, came up this morning and informed us that "had any of us interfered we certainly would have been shot, and that the damned niggers were no better than so many beasts, and he did not consider the Republicans much better."

LATER.

Three of the men on trial have been held to bail in $500 each to appear at the next term of court.

FROM PIKE'S PEAK.

Letter from J. D. Ward.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

In the Woods. On the Head Waters of the South Park [illegible] of the Rocky Mountains, June 10th, 1860.

Dear Sir: In my last I stated that the South Park was about twenty-five miles long by ten to fifteen wide. I find by actual travel that it is much longer and in some places much wider, and the information I had at my la t writing was entirely wrong. The Park is at least seventy-five or eighty miles long, with an average width of [illegible] miles.

On the ... and upon the Arkansas I have learned enough to satisfy myself. I don't think the prospect there at all good for new comers. In California Gu ch some claims are paying largely, but as in all other places I have yet visited, a large majority are not worth working, and many more scarcely pay decent wages.

The climate is bad, worse even than here, for the Arkansas runs far up between two ranges now, and probably the year round, covered with deep snows. The water is always cold and uncomfortable to work in, and at best, but during a small portion of the year can mining be successfully prosecuted.

The discoveries as yet are confined to a comparatively small region, and unless more and rich diggings are speedily developed thousands now in the valley of the Arkansas will become poorer than they came, and have cause to regret, deeply regret the day they ever started thither on a gold hunt.

Of the climate of this "Park" I have already spoken, but I cannot say enough to properly describe it, or to set out its utter meanness and dreary nature. Buds on the poplar and willow trees along the little streams are but just beginning to burst, and the timid, tender leaves seem hesitating as to whether they shall put forth to be nightly nipped by the hard frosts which prevail or return to original sap, and sock the roots of the parent tree, deep in earth.

Frost conveys no adequate idea of the coldness which prevails here every night—it freezes, freezes hard, and as I write, although the sun has been shining brightly over yonder mountain for several hours on an adjacent pond the ice formed last night, still remains over the entire surface, and will too, till after noon.

The days are tolerably warm and pleasant from 10 o'clock A. M. till near sundown, and for a few hours during the middle of the day the sun seemed to burn, and blister any portion of the person exposed, while in the shade at the same time it is chilly.

The mines along the streams in this immediate vicinity are poor indeed, scarcely worth working, and many persons are daily abandoning them, going elsewhere "prospecting" or returning disappointed and discouraged to the States. I don't know of a claim about here which really pays for working, when you consider the time it takes, and the hardships to be gone through with to get here and get at work on a claim, though in some they are taking out considerable gold.

What the future may do for this dreary cold region, called the "South Park," remains to be seen. Leads may be struck which may make it mining profitable here, but the prospect is not very bright, and as yet, I could never advise a friend of mine to come here thinking to better his fortune pecuniarily whatever it might be there.

I regret exceedingly that my report of this "Park" must be so unfavorable, I had hoped to find here a country where miners could thrive, the inducements and ... had been so many, and often ragged forms, care worn brows, and disappointed looks, I can gather no grounds for such a hope, and my own experience and observation added, enables me to say, this is no place for myself or my friends.

I don't believe I am homesick, and write this for that reason—for had this been a paradise I could not have stayed longer than I now shall—and what I have said has been with a sincere desire at least to tell things just as they are, to tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Yours truly,
J. D. WARD.

A Vote for President.

CHICAGO, July 4th, 1860.

Editors Press and Tribune:

SIRS: Please insert in to-morrow's paper the vote taken on the Cold Spring Grove Excursion train:

Lincoln	56
Douglas	74
Breckinridge	4
Bell	3
Scattering	1

Respectfully yours,
AN EXCURSIONIST.

Breck. and Lane Ticket in Missouri.

By referring to our report of the Breckinridge ratification meeting last night, it will be seen that another Beauregard has entered the field, in the person of Hancock Jackson, who was nominated by acclamation for Governor. Hancock Jackson is a much stronger man than his Douglas competitor, Caleb Jackson, and will undoubtedly beat him before the people. Parsons, of Cole, the author of the "free nigger bill," was nominated for Lieutenant Governor. This is not as good a nomination as the other, but under the circumstances will do very well. The ticket is as strongly pro-slavery as it could be made, if this be any recommendation. The bridges is broken, and the steam which separates the two factions is henceforth and forever impassable.—*St. Louis Democrat 4th inst.*

A DOWN COUNTRY LETTER.

Gov. Wood's Proclamation—The State Agricultural Society—Danger of a Gubernatorial Aristocracy—Illinois Farmers are not Aristocrats—An Appointment of Mr. —'s to Locate Dowagiac's Bath Iron Adam—The Whistler and the Organ.

[Correspondence of the Press and Tribune.]

CHANDLER'S, Ill., July 3, 1860.

Can anybody tell me, whenever before in the history of the State of Illinois, a Governor has ventured so far as Governor Wood has done, in his recent proclamation, in reference to the *pleuro pneumonia*? Whenever before has the Chief Executive of our State taken a step, which, in a measure, recognizes the existence of agriculture, and the importance of stock breeding and feeding, as a branch of it? When ever before has there been an *official* acknowledgement of the existence of the State Agricultural Society, or an admission that the Executive Board thereof has the paramount interest of the State at heart, and is capable, as a body, of looking after it, on such and on similar occasions? Never, I think, before Governor Wood's time. This wakening, among our rulers, I put down as one of the signs of the times, and an indication that farmers are about to take a part of greater or less importance in the government of the State. Intelligent agricul urists begin to see that self-preservation demands of them to take a share in the ordering of public affairs, and so, if possible to manage them as to avoid the eminent danger, that, under our present system and circumstances, the small farmers must in the end be sacrificed to the large ones, and the prairies of Illinois go into the hands of extensive landholders, and become the possession of a great agricultural aristocracy.

It is notoriously true that the losses sustained by the less wealthy and experienced farmers and emigrants, in consequence of the unpropitious seasons of 1857, 1858, and 1859, have been the gains of the more wealthy old settlers of the country.

Never before have the large farmers been in more independent—and never before have the small farmers, since the organization of our State into a Territory, been in more straitened circumstances, than at the present time. Wealth is accumulating in the hands of a few, but the small farmers are having a hard struggle. To remedy these evils, and to prevent, if possible, and stay them, Government should do, in concert with the more active and sensible class of farmers, all Government can do, under the Constitution. It may not have the power to give money or to donate land, but it should prompt, encourage, reward, and superintend, as a matter of prime and all sufficient importance, the development of the agriculture of the State. Our State government should try to solve the problem of our prairies, and correct, if possible, by laying under contribution all human knowledge and experience, those impoverishing errors in husbandry, which threaten to banish our small farmers from them; and errors, too, which have thrown doubt over the whole growing capacity of the prairie portion of our State. If fertile to wheat, how immeasurably great their future; if not, how much may and should be saved, by testing the matter in the light of science and accurate experiment.

Government should—but it should do a thousand things toward the promotion of that which lies at the very foundation of all human prosperity, and by all means take the ... the approach of ... dangers as seem now to threaten the safety of the next stock of Illinois.

Though I doubt, from the evidence I have seen, whether the *pleuro-pneumonia* is either contagious or epidemic, and whether it is any thing more than a *cattle consumption*, brought on as consumption is brought on in the human subject, and whether, where the miasmatic influences are as strong as in Illinois, subjecting the livery as the rare, cold, damp air of the East, subjects the lungs, *pleuro-pneumonia* would take on the strong type with us as in the East; still, the prompt action of Governor Wood, is in every way commendable, and the appointment of Dr. A. McFarland, eminently fit and proper to be made.

July 2—Afternoon.—When I inform you that the back of our long spring drouth is broken at last, you will join, no doubt, in the congratulations we farmers are everywhere exchanging among ourselves. It rained prettily Saturday night, and thundered and lightened smartly, too. On Sunday, we had a soft, slow rain of four or five hours duration, and on Sunday night more rain and more thunder, and the ground well soaked through. The promise of our corn crop is from twenty to forty per cent better than a week ago. But being in the midst of our winter wheat harvest, we are in danger of losing or damaging badly what little we have of it. As for spring grain, it is in a very critical condition from rust and ..., and being lodged. Dogday weather—damp, sultry and hot.

Yours,
JAY.

Great Breckinridge and Lane Ratification Meeting in Philadelphia.

There is a great Breckinridge and Lane meeting to-night assembled in the Independence square. The assemblage of unterrified and unprostituted Sovereigns, not Squatters, and quatters, was immense.

On the Saturday evening before, the Douglas Democracy had met and held a rousing meeting, and the Democrats who believed in the "original Jacobs" did not dare to be out done.

All the past, present, and prospective office holders of the Democratic party, were present with their "eyes right."

Mr. Van Dyke called the meeting to order, nominated Charles J. Ingersoll to preside. There were numerous vice-presidents and secretaries, most of them office holders.

Mr. Ingersoll made a speech regretting the dissensions of the party, and alluding to a Democrat of sixty years' standing. He cast reflections upon the persons who took part in the Douglas meeting of Saturday night.

Joseph A. Hay read some resolutions declaring the Front Street Theatre nominations a nullity, and Breckinridge and Lane the only legitimates aspiring to the succession.

When the question was put on Mr. Clay's resolution the noes turned out to be in a majority. Instantly from all parts of the audience came up a chorus of groans and yells, followed by cheers for Douglas and Breckinridge—each in ... turns, and both uniting in the miscellaneous "Star." Col. Wright, of Massachusetts, then took the stand, but while he was speaking there was much shouting and side fighting. Whenever Mr Wright was so unfortunate as to mention the name of Douglas there was immense cheering. All the while he was speaking there was great disorder, cries of "Bitter Bitter" and hideous groans, alternating with cheers, and supplemented with yells and cat calls.

The Democracy burnished for Douglas an veiled for Yancey, until finally Mr. Wright sat down.

Mr. Van Dyke then got up and announced that the meeting could not be broken up if they tried. Cheers and hisses followed this denial of their rights, or rather the powers of free and independent citizens, during which Mr. Joe Lane commenced to speak. At this there began a general fight and scramble. The uproar was tremendous, but still Lane kept on talking.

An explosion of fireworks confounded the confusion so much worse that he was allowed to finish his speech in comparative quiet. He dilated on the right of every citizen to take property of all kinds into the Territories. He declared Pennsylvania to be the battle-ground of the campaign, and wished his hearers to support Breckinridge.

Humphrey Marshall of Kentucky, followed Lane, and quiet was measurably restored, but presently the disorder began again as he continued speaking, until finally he had to appeal strongly for courteous treatment. Cheers and hisses drowned his voice.

While Marshall was speaking, the State House bell struck four, and rendered his efforts to be heard still more difficult. He finished without much disorder.

General Wall of Texas followed. He was interrupted occasionally, but the police had got among the crowd and kept comparative quiet.

The fact is, the Douglas men made an uproar on his ballot, and the meeting, instead of an orderly ratification.

The German Republican Press.

[From the Illinois State Journal.]

It will, doubtless, be of some interest to your readers to learn how many German papers have hoisted the flag of Lincoln and Hamlin. I therefore give you to day a list of them as complete as possible, but I have doubtless omitted some. Those marked with an * are dailies.

ILLINOIS.	INDIANA.
*Illinois Staats Zeitung, Chicago.	*Indiana Staats Zeitung, Indianapolis.
*Illinois Staats Anzeiger, Springfield.	*Indiana Volks Freund, Lafayette.
Illinois Banner, Quincy.	
*Illinois Demokrat, Galena.	
*Tribune, Quincy.	
*Anzeiger des Westens, Belleville.	
*Illinois Demokrat, Chicago.	
*Illinois Staats Zeitung, New York.	
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Illinois Banner, [illegible].	
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